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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Maryland	COUNTY Baltimore	TOWN OR VICINITY Baltimore
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Maryland State House		HABS NO. MD-245
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) State Circle		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Begun in 1772, completed in 1779	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Architect unknown Charles Wallace, Builder	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The oldest State House in continuous legislative use. The Capitol of the United States between November 26, 1783 and August 13, 1784.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick laid in Flemish bond.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two stories; modified rectangle; 120'x80' plus a portico 12'x36'. For floor plans see HABS drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Hipped roof, two front interior chimneys, large central octagonal dome with balustraded walkway and cupola, slightly projecting center 3-bay pedimented entrance section with one-story tetrastyle Corinthian portico with small center pediment.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) A wide arcaded entrance hall under the central dome which has arched and oval windows and delicate Adamesque plaster ornamentation (work of Thomas Dance 1793); Old Senate Chamber: curved balustraded visitor's gallery supported by fluted Ionic columns and a stepped Speaker's platform in a niche.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES For information on alterations and additions to 1949 see attached data pages.		
PRESENT CONOITION AND USE Maryland legislature		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Important Old Views: Scenic View of State House, steel engraving, Columbian Magazine, February 1789. Market Place with State House, Maryland Historical Society. "Vestibule before 1902", Forbes Collection, Hall of Records, Annapolis.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleni Silverman, Historian, HABS from reports by Florence Dunbar and Harley McKee (9/64).		DATE 3/27/84

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (CONT'D):

- 1785      The original dome was torn down in 1785. The second dome, was begun late in 1785 or early in 1786. The exterior was completed in 1788 and the interior in 1793. The second dome, which is considerably larger than the first, is a double shell dome.
- 1858      The semi-octagonal bay was removed from the western side of the State House and replaced by a larger octagonal annex. The House of Delegates was enlarged and some offices converted to committee rooms. The heating plant was removed and a new staircase built.
- 1876-78   In order to install the new central heating system, a new cellar was constructed. All of the floors were renewed, the roof was replaced, and the building was repainted and replastered throughout. For further reference see "Document O", House and Senate Documents of 1878.
- 1886      A rectangular annex for the State Library was built. It was connected by a passageway to the earlier octagonal annex.
- 1894      Restoration of the Old Senate Chamber, under the direction of J. Appleton Wilson. The gallery had been removed in the construction undertaken in 1878 and the chamber was in bad repair.
- 1902      The annexes of 1858 and 1886 were torn down and replaced by the present annex. Construction was undertaken under the direction of Josias Pennington, architect and Henry Smith, contractor.
- 1937-40   The Senate Chamber was again repaired. The Maryland Historical Society replaced draperies, repainted and refurbished the chamber with additional chairs and desks.
- 1947-49   The Department of Public Works undertook extensive renovation of the interior.

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